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THE HON. RAJA SRI SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" இந்த அரசாங்கம்தான் மத்திய அரசாங்கத்திற்கு எழுதியிருக்கிறது. அங்கிருந்து உத்தரவை எதிர்பார்த்துக் கொண்டிருக்கிறோம் என்றுதான் நான் ஏற்கெனவே சொல்லி இருக்கிறேனே."

MR. SPEAKER :—" I will take ten more minutes and finish the rest of the questions."

House rent allowance to aided elementary school teachers in Kozhikode Municipality.

11-50 a.m. * 414 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have received any representations from the aided elementary school teachers in Kozhikode Municipality to grant them house rent allowance ; and

(b) if so, the action taken thereon?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) A representation was received in July 1953 from the Kozhikode Town Aided Elementary School Teachers' Union and it was forwarded to the Director of Public Instruction for necessary action. He informed the President of the Union that there was no provision in the rules for the grant of house rent allowance to teachers in aided elementary schools situated in municipal areas."

SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR :—" May I know why this discrimination has been made in the case of teachers serving in aided elementary schools while teachers in all other schools are granted the house-rent allowance in municipalities? If it is for want of rules for the purpose, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to frame the necessary rules for the purpose? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" There is no question of discrimination, Sir. If the managements so desire, they can pay house-rent allowance to their teachers even now. But the question is what the Government will be able to do towards them. The entire question of the status and pay of elementary school teachers has been referred to the committee constituted recently."

Rent Courts under the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1954.

* 415 Q.—SRI T. C. NARAYANAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) how many Rent Courts under the Malabar Tenancy (Amendment) Act, 1954, have begun to function ;

(b) whether the Government have received any report or representation with regard to the hardships and unnecessary expenses to be incurred by the tenants under this procedure ; and

(c) if so, the action taken by the Government in the matter?

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THE HON. SRI M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—

"(a) Ten.

"(b) A few representations have been received.

"(c) They are under examination."

Gratuity or compensation to the Palace employees of the former Pudukkottai State.

* 416 Q.—SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) the number of Palace employees of the former Pudukkottai State Service granted gratuity or compensation for loss of service after the merger of Pudukkottai State with Madras;

(b) the number of such employees not given any compensation or gratuity for loss of career; and

(c) the reasons for discriminatory treatment, if any?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) Ninety-five.

"(b) Two cases are under consideration of the Government while 239 cases are under scrutiny by the Collector of Tiruchirappalli.

"(c) Does not arise in view of the answer to clause (b) above."

SRI V. BALAKRISHNAN :—" Is the unexpired portion of service compulsorily taken away from these officials due to premature retirement taken into account in determining their final pension?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The period of actual service alone is taken into consideration."

New buildings for the Government Hospital, Badagara.

* 417 Q.—SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state when the Government propose to begin the construction of the new building of the Badagara Government Hospital?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Orders have been passed to acquire a plot of land for the construction of hospital buildings at Badagara. Soon after the acquisition of the land, steps will be taken to construct the buildings after preparing the necessary plans and estimates and getting them sanctioned."

SRI C. KUNHIRAMA KURUP :—" May I know whether the estimate for the construction of the building has been prepared and, if so, what the estimated amount is?"

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" Action has been taken to obtain the necessary plans and estimates."